

Mobile Irrigation Labs

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NEW LABS ON THE BLOCK

Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab services established in Orange and Osceola counties. The East Central Florida Resource Conservation and Development Council MIL arranged to evaluate irrigation systems in Orange and Osceola counties, providing cost sharing with the water utilities in these counties. The MIL staff has been performing evaluations on a test basis since October 2004, with full evaluation operations since October 2005. Contact: Steve Cox, email: ecfrcd@bellsouth.net

Broward County Environmental Protection Department establishes second urban MIL



The new Broward County urban MIL, established in March of 2005, evaluates county and municipal properties, such as government-owned buildings and parks. An experienced evaluator, Bob Carew directs this effort. Contact: Bob

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Utility-supported MILs initiated in south Florida

Water utilities Cape Coral in Lee County and North Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County have joined the SFWMD MIL program to fund local labs. The partnerships allow the cities to focus on critical, high water-using areas in their communities. For information on starting a local lab, see the contact information below.

Best Management Practice labs set up for environmental water quality and water conservation issues

BMP MILs assess fertilizer management and water management practices for container nurseries. Participation in the program makes the contributor eligible for state and federal cost sharing for structural BMPs, such as filter strips, waterways, sediment control structures and conversion to low volume irrigation system.

<http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/BestManagementPractices.html>

Broward and Palm Beach Nursery BMP MIL

Nursery BMP MILs began operations in Broward and Palm Beach counties in December of 2004 using funds provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). In October 2005, the SFWMD started sharing the cost of lab operations.



<http://www.pbswcd.org/AgMobileIrrigationLab.htm>

Miami-Dade Nursery BMP MIL

The Miami-Dade Nursery BMP MIL started operations in October of 2005 using FDACS funding. Contact: Michelle Codallo, email:

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Why We're Here

The south Florida MIL Program saved 897 million gallons per year in fiscal year 2005. This is enough water to serve 4,700 families of three in south Florida for one year.



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